

Messaging Services

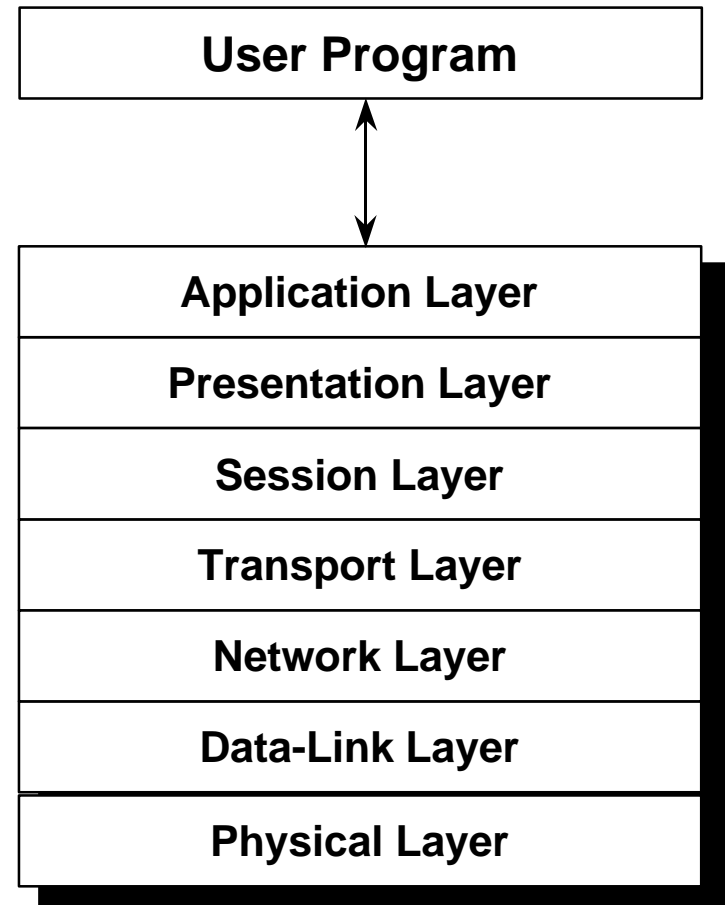
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Agenda

- What is a messaging service?
- Messaging services in automation
- Common functions
- Some specifics & developments
- Potential applications
- Areas at issues
- Benefits

Where does messaging fit?

- In the OSI Reference Model, Messaging is an application layer function.



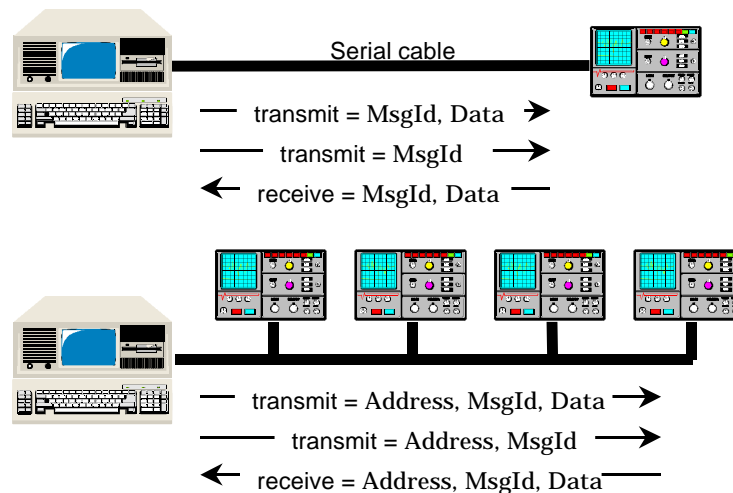
What is a messaging service?

- Any set of services that support the exchange of data between two (or more) systems or devices
 - Define message types
 - Define message structure
 - Define procedures
 - Define the roles of participants, for example:
 - master - slave
 - client - server
 - publish - subscribe

Who initiates communications, responses, error handling, priority, etc.

A Simple Message Service

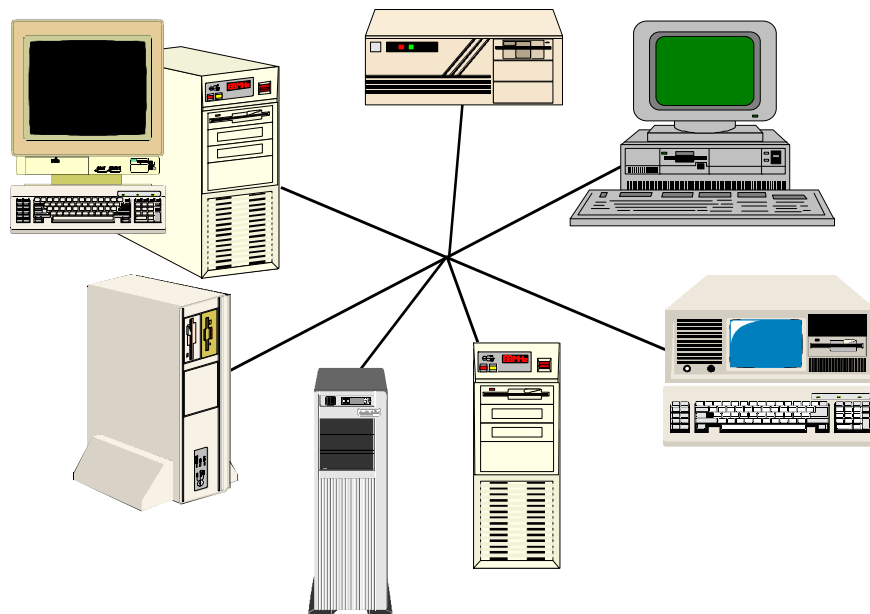
- Simple messaging services provide transmit & receive operations using an message identifier
- Handshaking and error detection are performed by the applications or by the data-link / physical layers
- Some messaging services implement addition data integrity functions (checksum, CRC)
- Some messaging services provide addressing to support communication with multiple devices



Limited number of devices
Limited set of operations
Limited number of messages
Limited data sets

A Sophisticated Message Service

- A large range of operations (many message types)
- A sophisticated message structure
- A sophisticated dialog
- Services for data integrity and data security
- Addressing for large systems



Large number of devices
Large set of operations
Large number of messages
Large data sets

Comparison of Messages

➤ Simple messaging services provide:

- Address
- Msg Id
- Data
- Checksum

Example, set or get a variable from a device.

Write data to the device

Addr	MsgId	Data	Checksum
8 bits	8 bits	32 bits	16 bits

Request data from the device

Addr	MsgId	Checksum
8 bits	8 bits	16 bits

Data response from the device

Addr	MsgId	Data	Checksum
8 bits	8 bits	32 bits	16 bits

➤ Sophisticated messaging services like MMS provide services and a message structure that can support a diverse range of functionality

Example, set or get a variable from a device.

Write data to the device

MMS	Write	Description
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Where "Description" provides for the symbolic named or physical address of the requested variable. The requested variable could be a simple integer or a complex data structure.

Request data from the device

MMS	Read	Description
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Where "Description" provides for the symbolic named, physical address of the requested variable or a list of variables.

Data response from the device

MMS	Read rsp	Data
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The response will include sufficient information to identify the data contained in the response.

Messaging in Automation

- Modbus, Modbus+ (*Proprietary, layers 1, 2 & 7*)
- Allen-Bradley Data Highway (*Proprietary, layers 1, 2 & 7*)
- GeniusNet (GE-Fanuc) (*Proprietary, layers 1, 2 & 7*)
- LonWorks (Echelon)
(*Proprietary, layers 1 thru 6, Layer 1 & 2 moving toward std*)
- Distribution Line Messaging Specification (DLMS)
(*European Std, layers 1, 2 & 7**)
- Profibus (*German Std, layers 1, 2 & 7- FMS**)
- Fieldbus Foundation (*US Std, layers 1, 2 & 7 - FMS**)
- WorldFIP (*French Std, layers 1,2 & 7*)
- Manufacturing Message Specification
(*Intl Std, layer 7, operates over std stacks*)
- Common Management Information Service
(*Intl. Std, layer 7, operates over std stacks*)
- Simple Network Management Protocol
(*Internet Std, layer 7, operates over IP*)

Proprietary solutions of manufacturing and industrial applications No transport or network layers

Initially a proprietary solution, promoters are now seeking adoption by standards bodies.

Standard for electric utility device operation. No transport or network layers.

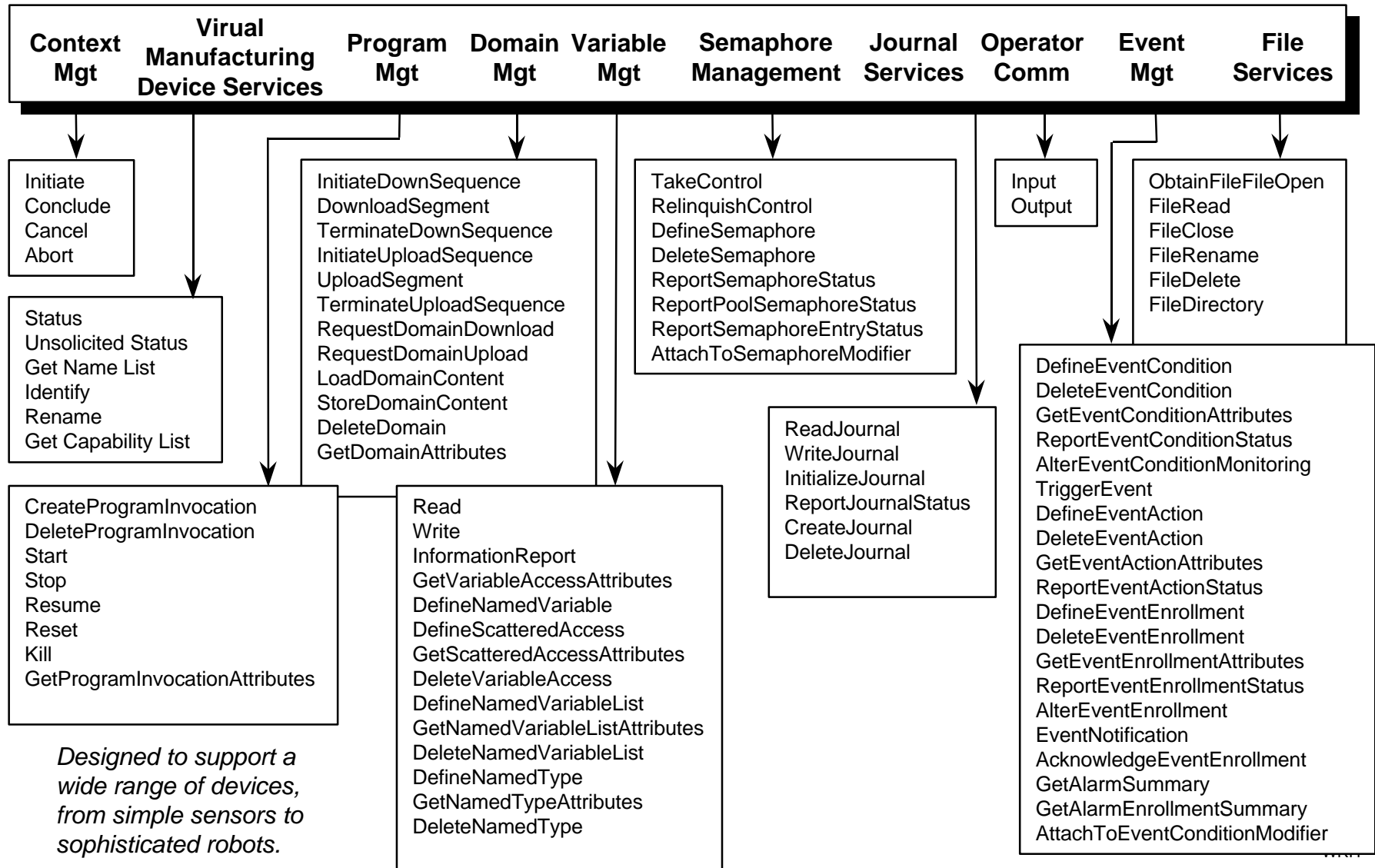
*Designed for tight process control applications, token based with limited data bus speeds
No transport or network layers*

Designed for full 7 layer protocol implementations, operate over most standard transport, network, data-link and physical layers.

** based on Manufacturing Message Specification*

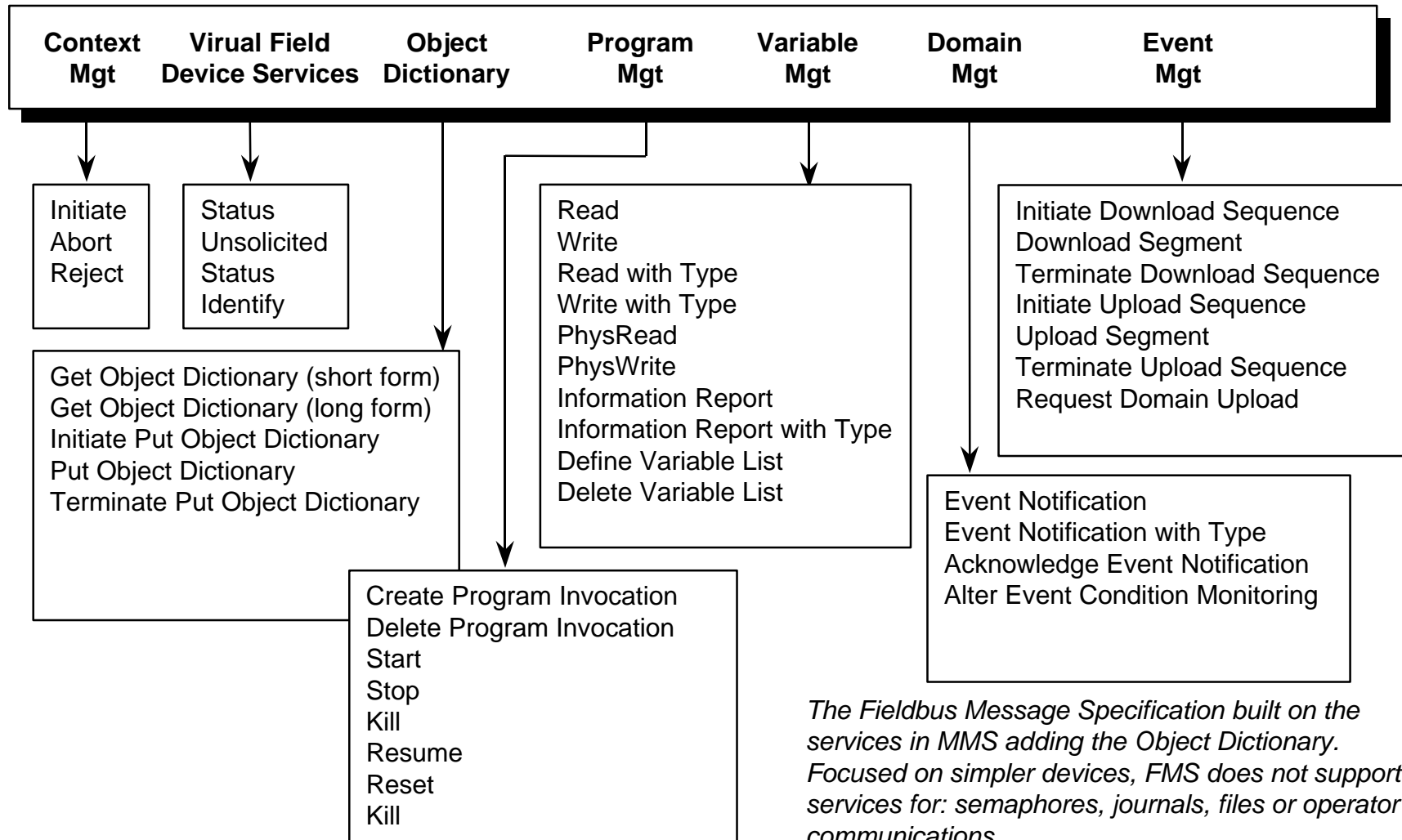
MMS Services

MMS provides 87 services to manage devices



FMS Services

FMS provides a subset of MMS services to manage devices



Common Features

- The basic functions in messaging services for automation are provided by all solutions:
 - SNMP, CMIS/CMIP, MMS, FMS, DLMS
 - *Write (Set), Read (Get), Report*
- Application layer standards like the Fieldbus Message Specification (FMS for Profibus and Fieldbus Foundation) and Distributed Line Messaging Specification (DLMS) are derived from MMS
- Basing the Space Messaging Service on MMS is clearly the right thing to do.

Developments

- MMS re-balloted in 1996 and approved
- Inter-Control Center Protocol (ICCP) has been adopted as a Draft International Standard (based on MMS)
- TASE.2 is moving toward International Standard through the IEC (based on MMS)
- IEEE, Power Engineering Society taking over automation standards effort initiated by EPRI under the Utility Communications Architecture (UCA)
- Slow but continued expansion in manufacturing sector
- Expanding use in China, India, and the far east
- US Post Office initiating integration of facilities (cells based on Profibus)

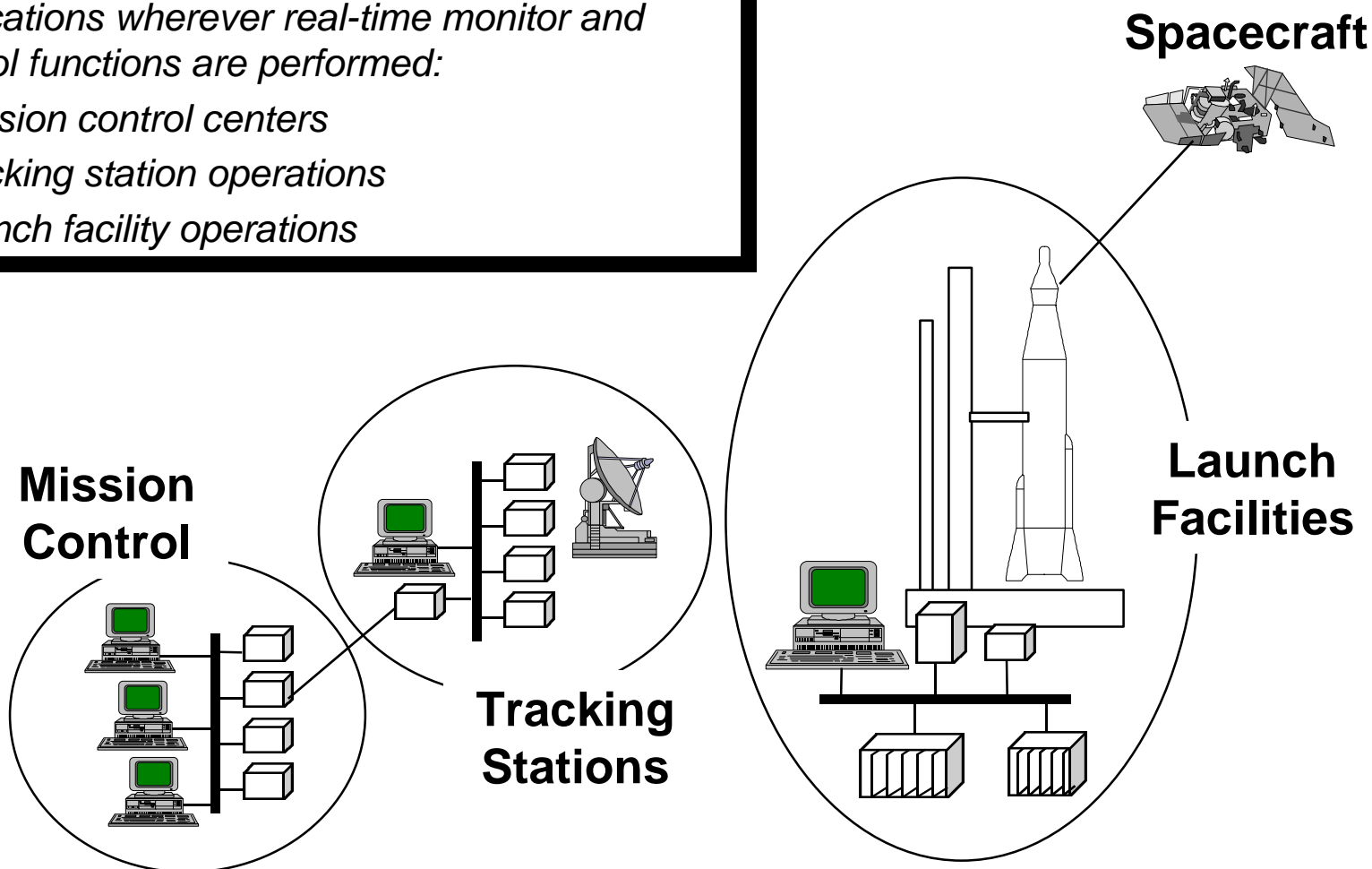
Functionality Enhancements

- In UCA, control blocks have been developed to enhance inter-operability
- Products incorporating X.500 address services
- Security elements implemented at the ACSE level to support multi-level access to sensitive data
- Products for embedded systems available for constrained devices (64K code, 8 bit processors)
- ITU Draft Proposal for the FastByte implemented, applied and available
- High performance stacks now operating at the cutting edge of available technologies

Potential applications

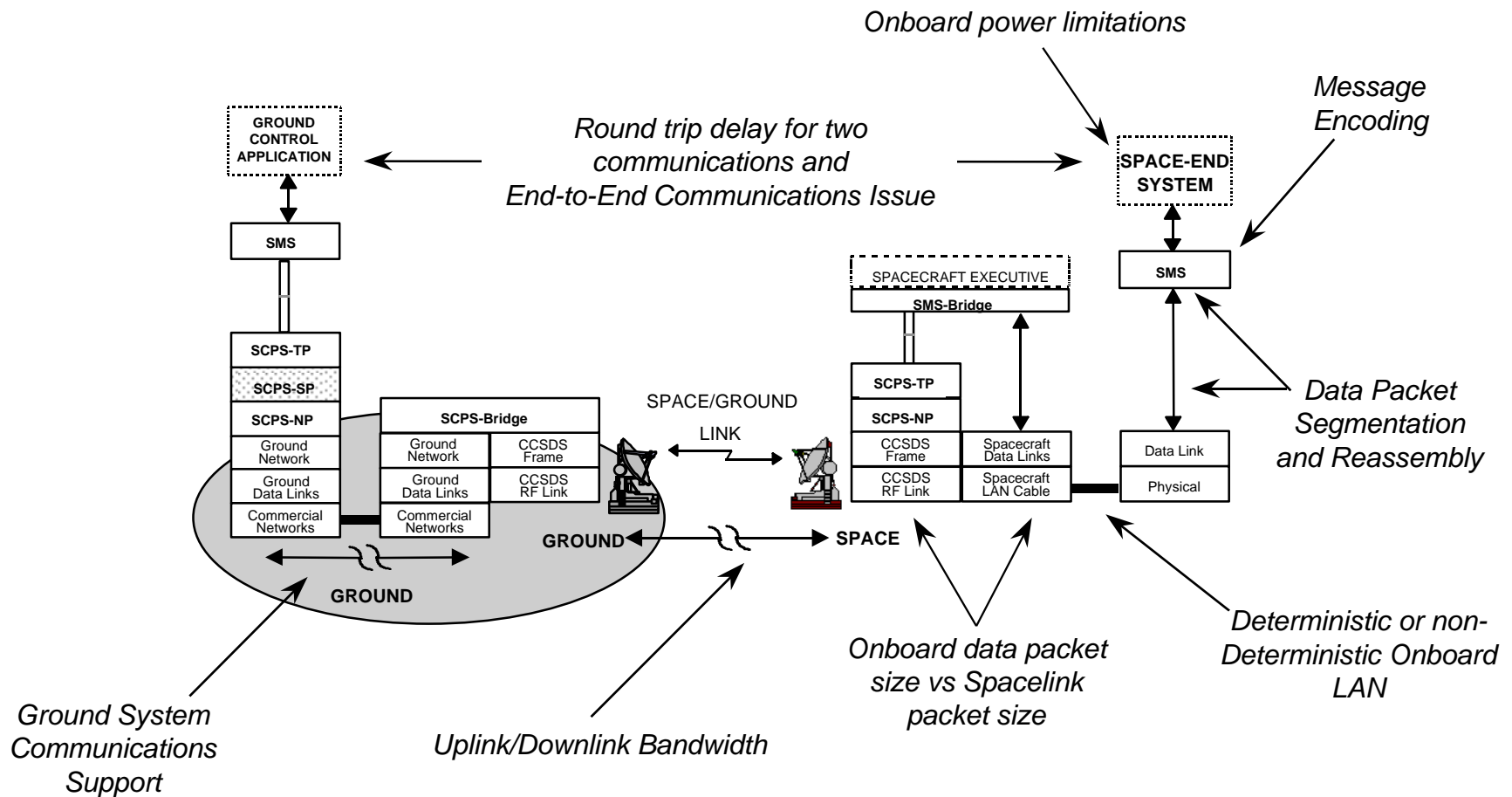
A standard message service has potential applications wherever real-time monitor and control functions are performed:

- *Mission control centers*
- *Tracking station operations*
- *Launch facility operations*



Areas at Issue

The solutions must deal with the entire system



Benefits

- A standard provide industry with a clearly define interface to products that can inter-operate with products from other vendors.
- Standards with reduce the cost of re-inventing the messaging system for every new mission.
- A standards with promote commercial competition for business and reduce costs.

***Man will go to any
expediency to avoid
the real labor of
thinking***